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10 October 2025

Dear Chairs,

Business Committee review of the Public Bill and Member Bill processes: publication of pre-introduction Bills

As you know, the Business Committee is reviewing the Senedd's processes relating to Public Bills. This includes matters relating to Bill timetabling, and, in particular, the Welsh Government's recent practice of publishing pre-introduction versions of Bills introduced during Year 5 of the Sixth Senedd.

As Committees that are involved in the Stage 1 (or Initial Consideration) scrutiny of the Bills that have been published in accordance with this practice, we would welcome your views. For example:

1. Whether the publication of the Bill prior to its formal introduction was useful.
2. Whether it enabled you to take any decisions or carry out any activities that you would otherwise have been unable to.
3. Whether there were any associated disadvantages, limitations or risks.
4. Whether future Welsh Governments should be encouraged to continue the practice of publishing Bills prior to formal introduction.

We would be grateful if you could send your response to SeneddBusiness@senedd.wales by Friday 14 November 2025.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elin Jones".

The Rt Hon Elin Jones MS
Chair of the Business Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

